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# PEACE NOTE GIVEN PRESIDENT; BERLIN VIEWS DISCUSSED American Attitude Clearly

Secretaries Lansing and Paniels and Gen. March Share in Conference.

SUPREME WAR COUNCIL

Since German Appeal Was Published.

s, participated in by Secretaries Lansing and Daniels and Gen. March. It is understood the outcome

Germany's latest peace note was delivered to the President a rew min-

rained only a short time, leaving the l'resident and Mr. Lansing in confer-

#### Only Question to Discuss.

Official intimation already had been given that the only question for immediate consideration is whether there shall be a discussion of "terms" of evacuation while the allied and American armies continue their work of clearing selgium and northern France.

It may be stated that there is nothing in the communication to alter the secision of the President that he will ot propose an armistice to the allies

# EFFORTS TOWARD PEACE

Wilson Reply Not to Interrupt Exchange of Views, Premier Tells House of Lords.

BASEL, October 23 .- President Wilsen's reply to the Austrian peace pronosals in no way justifies the conclusion that the exchange of views years between Washington and Cowhich has been begun is to be inter- lonial Beach, and recently chartered rupted, according to Baron von Hussarek, Austrian premier, speaking be-

our efforts toward peace," he said.
"We shall answer the note after care-

"We shall answer the note after carefully examining its contents. We hope that the peace discussions, notwithstanding difficulties, will deliver the world in the near future from the unspeakable misery of war."

BASEL. Tuesday. October 22.—Ofcial comment in Vienna on President Vilson's answer to the Austrian note expresses a complaint that it does not inswer the precise question put forward, and that it is now necessary to again ask the President's attitude toward an armistice and the restablishment of peace, according to the commanded.

TEUTONIC ALLIANCE

stablishment of peace, according to dvices received from the Austrian capital.

It is added that officials say there a contradiction in the reasons even by Mr. Wilson in justifying its refusal to enter into peace negociations and his answer to Baron Jurian September 15.

#### **MERICANS AND RUSS** · ADVANCE SEVEN MILES

ARCHANGEL, Monday, October 21 w the Associated Press) .- The mericans and Russians yesterday ad-

# STAND UNCHANGED PRINCE MAX SEES BY GERMAN NOTE LAST "EXTREMITY

Shown; Awaiting Words: "Leave It to Foch."

## SPEED IS CHIEF DEMAND

In one high official quarter today the statement was made that nothing developed in the reading of the Ger-PROBABLY WILL DECIDE man note thus far is likely to change the President's decision, announced in his last communication. That "de-Exchanges With Allied Capitals cision," specified as such in the note,

"It must be clearly understood that the process of evacuation and the conditions of an armistice are matters which must be left to the judgmen and advice of the military advisers day of President Wilson's decision in of the United States and the allied governments, and the President feels it his duty to say that no arrangement can be accepted by the government of the United States which does not provide absolutely satisfactory safeguards of exchanges with London and Paris and guarantees of the maintenance of the present inilitary supremacy of the armies of the United States and of the allies in the fields."

#### Will Represent All.

It was intimated in other official quarters today that this government to Secretary Lansing at 10 has been and now is engaged in exchanging communications and views

gressional and private life every-

#### Sentiment of Country.

Since the first version of the German been heard in the talk around Washington, or, indeed, echoed in the pub-

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It was realized that the American the submit the less and uneasy, for any one with ears realizes it, but it is a fact that every hour that passes pending a stern reply to the latest piece of Hun attempted humbuggery increases the unrest of the public.

#### STEAMER ST. JOHNS SUNK **FOLLOWING A COLLISION**

Former Excursion Boat, Now Operated by Navy Department, in Accident Near Norfolk.

The steamer St. Johns, plying for fore the house of lords yesterday, the steamer Princess Anne, owned by according to Vienna advices received the Old Dominion Steamship Com-"We shall continue all the more pany, off Lamberts point, near Nor-

## TEUTONIC ALLIANCE COLLAPSE EXPECTED

The latest German note, an official dispatch from Rome today says. strengthens the belief there in accounts of the wretched internal situation in Germany and that complete dismemberment of the Germanic alliance is at hand at the moment when the entente allies are bound more

solidly together.

It is not surprising, the dispatch adds to find the German people alone in imploring their own salvation.

The Dvina, Vaga and Volgia sectors we been comparatively quiet the past few days.

ARCHANGEL, Sunday, October 20 the Associated Press).—An unusuity late winter in northern Russia ushered in today by a heavy fall abow. The Dvina and Vaga rivers, hich usually are closed at this date, he still ice free. The American and other soldiers are being equipped with an.1-arctic uniforms, including sheep-sain greatcoats and arctic felt boots.

# FOR HUN NATION

Warns Reichstag President Wilson's Answer May Cause "War of Defense."

#### TELLS OF CHANGES TO MEET POPULAR DEMAND

Promises Reichstag It Will Be Made Responsible for Peace and War After the War.

Prince Maximilian, the German man refehring that it will be made sible for war and peace. He such a step will not become effeetive until after the war, and when a league of nations

COPENHAGEN, October 23 .- Peace conversations between Berlin and Washington have reached a critical point, according to Prince Maximilian, this morning by Frederick with the associated governments in the entente alliance upon the language of the Swiss legation of the latest German communication. Whatever answer is made by President Wilson will represent the views of all.

Changing communications and views the German imperial chancellor, speaking the entente alliance upon the language of the course of his address he urged that debate on the situation arising on the exchange of notes between himself and the German imperial chancellor, speak-

dent Wilson will represent the views of all.

Reading the text of the decision announced in the last communication of the President in connection with the authoritative statement this morning that nothing has been presented to change that decision led to the conclusion today among officials that the Germans will be referred to Marshal Foch for any further discussion of terms of an armistice.

It was suggested that he is the logical one to decide what guarantees and safeguards would be considered satisfactory to the maintenance of the present military supremacy of the allied armies in the fields. If such turns out to be the course pursued by the President, it will assuredly meet with wide public approval, judging from the expressional and private life everywhere.

debate on the situation arising on the exchange of notes between himself and President Wilson be restricted as much as possible.

"The whole German people are anxious to hear the views of the government regarding the prospects of peace," he said, "but I am able to speak only with the greatest reserve and urge that the members of the reichstag limit debate, as is consistent with the seriousness of the hour. The whole German people have been spoken to by President Wilson, and this fact gives the utterances of the representatives of all parties added force.

"Today, therefore, I am going to say only this regarding the international note was given publicity, nothing has situation: The President's first answer point," he continues. "President Wil-Exchanges between Washington and the allied capitals have been in progress on the basis of the wireless version of the note received Monday. It is regarded as certain that any reply the President will make will be governed by the supreme war council in France.

Only the President and a few of his of the wireless vertainty to President Wilson, only the President and a few of his capital to the suprementation of the utterances. It was supposed that this view would appeal posed th particularly to President Wilson, since he is known to be a warm sympathizer with and advocate of the particularly with the case there is no choice for us but to put ourselves in a posture of the fighting and the particularly with and advocate of the particularly with the German posture of the fighting and the particularly with the German posture of the warned that precautions should not be cast aside because of an indicate with the people will seven a state of Austria. The "German state of Austria" will seek access to the Adriatic.

The "German state of Austria" will seek access to the Adriatic sea, in the warned that precautions should not be cast aside because of an indication that the German government, in the name of the German government, in the name of the German people when it took action for peace. He who honestly took a stand on the basis of peace will also undertake the duty of not submitting to a peace of violence with the submitting to a peace of violence with the submitting to a peace of violence with the wards. Fisk, in charge of without a fight. The government which would act otherwise would be left to the mercy of the market will also undertake the duty of not submitting to a peace of violence with the cases which and collaborate with

the basis of President Wilson's conditions what they mean for our future. Our answers to the President's question must be framed on the German people's understanding of that question. What it now wants is clearness. "The decision will be of stupendous import. It will not be our strength that will decide, but it will be what is thought to be right in free discussion with our opponents that will give the decision. This is a great effort for a proud people accustomed to victory! The legal questions involved will not stop at our national boundaries, which will be never of our own accord open for violence.

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"The principles upon which we have agreed as a rule of conduct also involve internal questions. From many quarters it has been "epresented to me that an acceptance of President Wilson's conditions would mean submission—anti-German submission—to an anti-German court of justice which would decide legal questions entirely from the viewpoint of its own interests. If that is the case, why then is it the extreme apostles of force in the entente fear the council chamber as the guilty fear the court of justice?

## Discusses League of Nations.

program for a league of nations cannot be achieved when all peoples have not the right of national self-determination. This realization of community law means the abandonment of part of the unqualified independence which hitherto has been the indication of sovereignty, both by us and others. Should we at home maintain as fundamental the national egoism which until a short time ago was the dominating force of the people's life there would be no restitution and "The essence of President Wilson's mination. This realization of com-munity law means the abandonment of part of the unqualified independ-ence which hitherto has been the in-dication of sovereignty, both by us and others. Should we at home main-tain as fundamental the national ego-ism which until a short time ago was the dominating force of the people's life there would be no restitution and no renovation for us. There would be a feeling of bitterness which would cripple us for generations. a feeling of bitterness which would cripple us for generations.

"But if we comprehend that the significance of this frightful war is, above all, victory for the idea of justice, and if we do not resist this idea, but submit with all good faith, then we shall find in it a cure for our present wounds and a reservoir of future strength."

Opposition in Germany Admitted.

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Health Authorities Report **Fewer Deaths and Decrease** in New Cases.

#### this fact gives the utterances of the CAUTION IS STILL NEEDED

were reported to the District health deto the peace move of the German gov- officials to believe that the epidemic has ernment has in all countries brought passed its crest here. This was a de-

report shows 392 new cases, as com- the territory occupied by Germans.

which would act otherwise would be left to the mercy of the fighting and working people. It would be swept away by public opinion.

Befers to Problem of Future.

"There is also another possibility. The German people must not be blindly brought to the conference table. The German people today has the right to ask if peace is realized on the basis of President Wilson's conditions what they mean for our future. Our answers to the President's question must be framed on the German.

Which would act otherwise would be left to the motorists to-day not to let up in their volunteer work. While the disease is under control, he said, every agency should keep up its relief work in order to stamp it out completely.

Lieut. Fisk now has 150 automobiles at his command, but should have at least a hundred more. The greatest need for cars is at 9 o'clock in the morning, when nurses must be dispatched to all parts of the city to relieve those who have been on duty throughout the night with critical pations what they mean for our future. Our answers to the President's questions what they mean for our future. Surgeon General Blue of the United

# Emphasizes Need of Caution.

## Acknowledges Valued Aid.

Dr. H. S. Mustard of the United States public health service, working in conjunction with the District health department in the fight against the influenza, said this morning that Red Cross activities and those of the Associated Charities, Central Union Mission, Salvation Army, Gospel Mission and other charitable and resigious organizations are proving of great assistance to the health authorities.

Inot even the President himself.

Points of View Developed.

Two distinct points of view have developed, either one of which is likely to be followed. Each starts from a different premise, but seeks to arrive at the same result.

The first construes the German of the control of the president himself.

# GERMANS IN AUSTRIA FORM SEPARATE STATE

Action of Teutonic Deputies in Reichsrath Held Due to Desire to Insure Close Unity With Kaiser's Empire.

By the Associated Press.

BASEL, Switzerland, October 23.—
The German-Austrian deputies in the Austrian reichsrath have formed an assembly for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the Germanic people in Austria, and have issued a declaration announcing the creation of the German-Austrian people. The new German-Austria for which we will lay the foundation will be constituted in conformity with the free will ex-"German state of Austria."

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cialists in Austria, has been elected president of the new assembly. The deputies have announced their desire to bring about the autonomy of the Germans in Austria and to establish relations with other nations. The assembly has drawn up a resolution respecting the form of government of the territory occupied by Germans.

# TO SURVEY LIVING **CONDITIONS HERE**

#### Cabled Messages on Way as Commission Will Investigate He Calls in His Chiefs for Consultation.

## By DAVID LAWRENCE.

(Copyright, 1918, by the New York Evening Post, Inc.) President Wilson was not yet ready While assurance is felt by Health Officer Fowler that the critical point has been passed in the influenza epidemic, he is fearful that the general public may become careless in taking precautions against the contagion, with the result of an increase in both mortalities and the development of new cases.

The commission, it is understood, will not confine itself to arranging recreational facilities, but will recommend to the War Industries Board, the shipping board or the War and Navy departments any suggestions, which it believes will tend to stabilize war workers in industries contagion. Baker was compelled to go to Clevenew cases.
Dr. Fowler today emphasized the necessity of continuing every precaution now in force to prevent the spread of the contagion.
In this connection he said that strong influences are being brought to bear upon him to recommend to the Commissioners the raising of the ban continued to the commissioners the raising of the ban continued to the commissioners the raising of the ban continued to the commissioners the raising of the ban continued to the commissioners the raising of the ban continued to the contaging the the cont

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Opposition in Germany Admitted.

Prince Maximilian said that he would not deny that heavy opposition in Germany must be conquered before the ideal league of nations could be realized, but he continued:

"Whether the next few days or weeks shall call us to fight on or open the way to peace, there is no doubt we are now equal to the task of either war or peace by carrying out the government's program and definitely breaking away from the old system."

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The imperial chancellor then discussed electoral and parliamentary reform. He cited bills before the reichstag, one of which enables members of the house to enter the government without resigning and another other proposing a change in the laws of the influenza emergency.

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The need of nurses and the implication in the last message that it is the intention of the German people to rid themselves of their autocracy.

Wilson of the public health service, in charge of the influenza emergency.

## **Crowding of War Workers** · in United States.

The commission, it is understood recreational facilities, but will recommend to the War Industries Board, the shipping board or the War and Navy departments any suggestions, ize war workers in industries controlled by those departments. Although the community center department of the local public schools

American Civic Association; John L. Richards of Chicago, director of recreation and playgrounds of the South Park and playgrounds of the South Park and playgrounds of the carly today reported that the Germans in greater part of the American front and the roads far to the rear.

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## NOLAN BILL ACTION ASKED.

Representatives of various organi-

# BRITISH STORMING ENEMY DEFENSES WEST OF MAUBEUGE

Foe's Grip on Valenciennes Weakened---Big French Gain on Serre.

# ENEMY QUITS BRIEULLES **UNDER YANK PRESSURE**

LONDON, October 23, 1 p.m.—The new British attack south of Valenciennes is on a front of five to six miles, and the Germans have been driven back about a mile along the entire front. The enemy is resisting stiffly.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, October 23 (Reuter's).-The British troops, in their new attack today north of Le Cateau, are reported to have captured the town of Romeries, one and one-half miles northeast of

A good many prisoners, mainly in small groups, are being brought in. The Germans are fighting doggedly.

British troops again are storming the German defenses west of Maubeuge. The new attack, launched early today between Solesnes and Le Cateau, is reported to be making good progress.

Field Marshal Haig, in driving forward on the seven-mile front north of Le Cateau also, is increasing the menace to Valenciennes, through which the British are fighting. North of Valenciennes the city has been outflanked by the capture of Bruay. It is not probable the Germans will be able to hold out in Valenciennes much longer, and once the Scheldt is crossed here the British will be in position to threaten seriously both Mons and

Between Le Cateau and Solesnes the British are on the high ground east of the Selle river, and it is from this favorable position today's attack was begun. The German resistance here has been bitter, as the line is vital to the security of the German defenses over a wide front to the south and southeast.

## HAIG USHERS IN NEW ATTACK; NOW ON WEST BANK OF SCHELDT

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, October 23.—The British west bank of the Scheldt. began a new attack today on the front LONDON, October 22.—Ser between Le Cateau and Solesmes, south of Valenciennes, Field Marshal Haig announces.

The British have captured Bruay, two and one-half miles north of

# **BRITISH ARE FIGHTING THEIR WAY**

INTO CENTER OF VALENCIENNES By the Associated Press.

WITH THE ALLIED ARMIES IN
FRANCE AND BELGIUM, October
23.—British troops were fighting their 23.—British troops were fighting their way into the center of Valenciennes early today. They were facing a strong enemy machine gun fire from the east bank of the Scheldt canal, which flows through the city.

North of Valenciennes the British have forced their way almost through the Raisnes forest. Along the entire front between Valenciennes and Tournai recent rains have made the ground difficult and progress has been slowed up.

The Germans on this front in the last few days have been following the tactics of retreating during the night. The British have not been the purpose of straightening out the front and consolidating positions. Between Tournai and Valenciennes the British continue their progress toward the Scheldt.

On the front of both the 2d and 4th Armies high-velocity guns and other artillery are active. German machine guns on the eastern bank of the Harples river, which had been causing considerable trouble, have been put out of action.

the tactics of retreating during the night. The British have not been able to establish contact with the enemy rear guards until noon of the next day. The rearguards endeavor to hold the British in check until nightfall, when they again retreat. There appear to be good indications among war workers at congested cities, including the District of Columbia.

The commission it is undeated.

French Cross the Lys.

selehem, southwest of Ghent, over

Aeros Strike Machine Gun Posts British bombing airplanes at 2 o'clock this morning flew low over the machine gun positions and ob-

literated them and their occupants with enormous bombs.

The Germans appear to be in some strength behind the Scheldt. Enemy machine guns on the east bank are active and are supported by artillery and trench mortars. On the northern part of the front

## **HUNS QUIT BRIEULLES ON MEUSE** UNDER FIERCE YANKEE PRESSURE

chief of staff, represented the military, while Secretary Daniels was available for discussion of the naval phases of the situation.

In the meantime, too, cablegrams from American diplomatic representatives abroad were expected late today to apprise the President of opinion in the allied countries. What of the first burst of the final determination of the United and the final determination of the United shows available work of providing recreation for war workers, it is known that the commission will include Washington in its study to determine if anything is needed to improve conditions.

By the Associated Press.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, October 23.—The town of Brieulles, on the western bank of the Meuse, which has been stubbornly defended by the Germans are holding Bantheville in the center of the line. The Germans have driven a dent into the German defenses, despite the fact that the enemy resistance is still as strong as formerly.

## consin foot ball coach; John Voll of DROP BOMBS NEAR U. S. HOSPITAL IN REPRISAL FOR AIR RAIDS

By the Associated Press.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY
NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, October
22.—The clear weather early this morning permitted some aerial work and the Americans downed a Rumpler at Ruzancy and a balloon in the vicinity of tients.

Red Cross Nurse Margery Sawyer of Buffalo, N. Y., was blown from her bed, but was not injured. All the patients were taken to dugouts, none of them being injured. Another Red Cross nurse, Mabel Butler of New Haven Conn., was in the same building with Miss Sawyer, but was not hurt. Both of them immediately went to the aid of the patients.

zations of the civil service employes Buzancy and a balloon in the vicinity of tients.

When the first bomb fell the hospital